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"BUILD NOW AND WE WILL PROSPER"

Theodore N. Vail, the Financier, Says Business Boom Is Coming

A half century ago Theodore N. Vail dreamed dreams of human beings talking across the continent. He saw distances annihilated by electric whistles. Forty years passed and a billion telephone conversations took place on these shores annually. Today he sees visions of an America richer and more prosperous than other men have seen. He looks for the greatest business boom this country has ever known. We don't need to sit down, timidly and idly, and wait for it. We can have it start now if we want to, if we care to exercise sense and courage.

Business Boom Coming.

Mr. Vail gives some of his reasons in a notable interview in The American Magazine for September:

"If every corporation and company and firm and individual that contemplates putting up any buildings, or making extensions, or effecting any improvements, would only jump in now and put men to work on them, why, the business boom would be in full swing right away. A vast amount of repairs and upkeep work of all kinds had to be put off during the exigencies of the war, when it was unparliamentary to compete unnecessarily with the government for labor and materials. The patriotic as well as the businesslike thing to do now is to catch up and put everything in shipshape order, in preparation for the extremely busy times that are coming and in anticipation of the extraordinary demands which will arise for the labor necessary to do this work."

This man of clear vision practices as well as preaches. His life has been devoted, of necessity, to study so as to be able, as he expresses it, "to have all the facilities ready to hand business whenever and wherever it developed."

Paint Your Barn Now.

To illustrate his reasons for going at full steam, the great financier tells a homely tale which will bear repeating:

"For four years this country has been told to economize, to cut down on expenses, to retrench and stint itself. To the credit of the people here be it said that they did. Uncle Silas' barn needed painting, but Uncle Silas didn't paint it. Why? Because Anna Maria told him the government needed the ingredients of the paint pot to help win the war. The wire fencing around the cabbage patch was coming down and needed repairing, but again Anna Maria laid down the law and said it couldn't be done, as Uncle Sam needed the wire to protect Nephew Willy from the advance of the Hun. The fences remained hanging and broken, and Willy was kept safe from the Germans. The same was true of the attitude in the industrial plants.

"Uncle Silas' barn still needs painting; but now he says he won't paint it because the rates of the village painter are too high. In the last three years the painter has been working for the government and getting high prices for his service. Uncle Silas thinks he is very canny and wily in waiting until the painter sees that he will have to come down from his high horse and paint his barn at the old pre-war price. Meanwhile, the wind and the rain are eating away the timber of the structure; and before very long not only will Uncle Silas have to paint a barn, but put up a new one as well. Not only will he pay the price asked by the painter, but he will pay the price demanded for the timber. And that, too, is not the same that he was wont to pay before we began making planks that led the way to Germany.

"The point I am driving at is this—just now the country is in great need of repairs. It has got to spruce up. Otherwise, things will go to pieces. Uncle Silas, if he is wise, will paint his barn now and save the money of putting up a new one later. In the same manner the factory owner will paint his shops and overhaul his machines now, to save the money on new material later."

Poor Richard himself could not not have presented the picture more simply or more admirably.

A JOKE IS ENJOYED NOW AND THEN

One of the prominent deacons in a church not a hundred miles from Oxford was seriously ill. As he was very popular among his congregation, a bulletin board was posted in front of the church to inform his friends of his condition. It read: "One o'clock. Deacon Jones very ill."

"Two o'clock. Deacon Jones is worse and sinking rapidly."

"Three o'clock. Deacon Jones dead."

A traveling man passing by that evening read the bulletin and seeing no one in sight, added at the bottom: "Seven o'clock. Great excitement in Heaven. Deacon Jones has not yet arrived. The worst is feared."

At Auction.

Next Saturday at noon Mr. C. H. Burnett will sell at auction many valuable things, consisting of hogs, cows, one horse, farming implements and feed stuff. See announcement elsewhere in this paper.

THE THINGS THAT NEEDS STRAIGHTENING OUT IN CHURCH LORE

There Is No Such Thing As An Altar In The Presbyterian Or Baptist Churches.

There is so much wrong use of church terms the most of us needs some information on the subject. For instance, says the Charlotte Observer, one frequently reads of marriage ceremonies in Presbyterian and Baptist church, that "the bride was met at the altar by the groom" etc. There is no such thing in a Presbyterian or Baptist church as an altar. There are altars in ritualistic churches, but not in non-ritualistic churches. In a Presbyterian church the bride is met "in front of the pulpit" or "at the pulpit" by the groom, but there is no altar there for them to meet in front of, and to so write it is to attribute to these non-ritualistic churches something that their doctrine does not recognize. Another thing, all churches are spoken of as "church," that is the Presbyterian church, Methodist church, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal and so on, with the one exception of the Baptist. They use the term "denomination" more than church, their form of government being such as to make that word more strictly correct than church. The Baptists also use the word church but prefer as I have been informed the word denomination. The word altar and Presbyterian are as far apart as Rome and Geneva, so the use of the word altar in a Presbyterian church, or home (where a wedding occurs) is entirely unorthodox and wrong. And still another thing that needs straightening out in church lore is the use of the words minister and clergyman. The former of course means all who minister in pulpit or chancel. Minister is the broader term for those who preach the gospel, but clergyman, by derivation—"clerical," priest—and by usage in England means the established church. Non-ritualistic churches never use the word clergy as signifying their ministers.

And then the house in which the ministers, or clergy live. They also are wrongly designated. The Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches use the word rectory. Baptist, Lutheran, and Methodist say parsonage, and Presbyterians and Congregationalists manse. In Scotland the "manse" is the house of an ecclesiast. In the United States the Presbyterians and Congregationalists use it instead of the word parsonage.

SUBJECT FOR A SERMON.

"Let Moderation Be Your Rule; Excess Denotes a Fool."

While talking the other day with Mr. J. F. Meadows, who is always practical and to the point, the conversation touched upon a general rule of living right in the sight of God and man, when he quoted an old maxim as follows: "Let moderation be your rule; excess denotes a fool." "Where did you get that pretty and wholesome maxim?" we asked Mr. Meadows. "Yes, it is very impressive and I hope it will endure forever," said Mr. Meadows. "When I was a boy my mother frequently called her children about her and impressed the truth of the saying upon our memory, and the more I think about it the broader it gets."

Dr. E. B. Meadows and Mr. J. F. Meadows are brothers. They are splendid examples of what a maxim of right living means to men. The dear old mother laid the foundation upon which they stand.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET

Fine Looking Body Of Intellectual People.

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Granville County Teachers was held on Monday in the graded school auditorium. A holiday had been declared in the county that all the teachers might attend and it was an inspiring sight to see assembled this great body of educators. The graded school declared a half holiday. The meeting was presided over by Supt. J. F. Webb and opened with prayer by Rev. R. C. Craven. Interesting talks were made by Col. H. G. Cooper, Mr. Craven, Mr. Highsmith, of Raleigh; Dr. Morris and Prof. G. B. Phillips. The teachers were all inspired to work even harder during the coming sessions.

THE STATE FAIR

To Be a Record Breaking Crowd All This Week.

(Raleigh Special.) Raleigh, Oct. 21.—Unless every sign fails, three hours before Governor T. W. Bickett formally opens the fifty-eighth Great State Fair this afternoon at 1 o'clock, a record crowd will be pouring through the gates and North Carolina's industrial exposition, peace jubilee and family reunion will be on.

THE GRANVILLE MOTOR CO. HAS FINE DISPLAY

The Granville Motor Company which adjoins the Oxford Buggy Co. has a fine display of cars and trucks on the floor and more to arrive this week. The Columbia Six is being demonstrated; car load of Dorts and all kinds of trucks are on the floor, and a car load of Ericson cars are on the road.

THE BUSINESS ACES.

The aces of business may be found among the advertisers. Watch the aces and it will pay you.

The aces of bargains are in the advertising columns of the Public Ledger.

The aces of enterprise are the advertisers.

The aces of public service tell of this service through the columns of the newspaper.

The aces of money-saving opportunities are to be found in the advertising section of the Public Ledger.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Mr. J. L. Jones Buys the Residence of the Late Dr. Ferebee—Capt. Royster and Others Acquire Property.

The home place of the late Dr. Nelson Ferebee, situated at the eastern end of High street, which was subdivided, was sold last Friday at public auction. Mr. J. L. Jones, of Culbreth, purchased the residence and certain land. The other divisions were purchased by other parties, the total amount for the entire property being about \$14,000.

The H. H. Eatman place, one mile east of Oxford on the Oxford-Henderson road, which was bought by the Granville Real Estate & Trust Company ten days ago for \$12,000, changed hands last week. Capt. B. S. Royster, Jr., now owns the property. The consideration has not been made public, but it is understood that Capt. Royster paid \$14,000 for the property.

"Brantwood," the summer home of Mr. Hicks, of New York, situated on the National Highway one mile north of Oxford, which contained 126 acres, and which was acquired by Mr. I. W. Mangum a few weeks ago for about \$38,000, was subdivided and sold last Friday, Mr. Mangum retaining the residence and 26 acres. The 100 acres brought \$20,000. Dr. Nelson Thomas, Mr. John W. Hester and possibly others were the purchasers.

As stated above, Mr. Mangum retains the residence and 26 of the most choice acres. The residence alone could not be duplicated for \$30,000.

SUGAR FAMINE COUNTRY WIDE

Japan Grabs the Output of the Pacific Islands.

The Baltimore American says:

"There is a near-sugar famine all over this big United States—a worse situation as to sugar than has ever before evolved. It is an evolved situation that people nowhere were expecting. Six months ago statements were given out from Federal Food Control sources which conveyed the impression that there would be no further trouble about sugar. As to winter prospects—there seems to be no break in the gloom that overhangs the sugar situation.

"Sugar-growing is a specialty of the Hawaiian Islands, and the Philippine sugar crop is of large export importance. Japan, it seems, has been permitted to close an option upon the Hawaii output, and, also, there is reason to assume, the Philippines' surplus has been diverted to other markets—not shunted to the United States as it could have and should have been moved."

THE TWO GOVERNMENT TRUCKS HAVE ARRIVED HERE

Will Be Placed On the Roads of the County At Once.

The two government trucks, secured by the County Commissioners for road work, have arrived. Large and strong, the trucks look as if they have never been used.

In capable hands, these two trucks are equal to fifteen or twenty mules, to say nothing of the great saving in wages paid to drivers.

With a right and left hand drag attached to the two machines it would be possible to machine the road from Oxford to Creedmoor, thence by Wilton to Oxford in one day.

NOT A WOUNDED SOLDIER HAS A REPULSIVE FACE

Many of Them Look Better Than They Did Before Being Wounded

Facial reconstruction has been so successful that there is not an American soldier, wounded in the war, with a repulsive face, according to a report made to the convention of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States in convention at St. Louis last week.

There are a few exceptional cases where the faces are more shapely than before the wound was inflicted, says the report.

DR. HARTE HOLDS REVIVAL SERVICES IN VIRGINIA

Rev. Frank Pool Will Preach Here Next Sunday.

Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, left yesterday for Parkley, Accomac county, Virginia, to hold revival services in one of the churches of his early ministry. He will be absent from Oxford about ten days.

Rev. Frank Pool, of Wake Forest, will fill the pulpit at the Oxford Baptist church next Sunday.

MAYNARD COMPLETES FLIGHT ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND BACK

The Flying Tar Heel Parson Was First to Finish Army's Great Trans-Continental Air Race — Traveled Through All Kinds of Weather at Nearly Two Miles a Minute.

SUMMARY OF MAYNARD'S TRIP The following table shows the destinations reached by Lieutenant Maynard at the end of each day's flight in his 5,200 mile journey:

WESTBOUND

Left Mineola, Oct. 8 at 9:24 a. m.

Place Miles Chicago, Oct. 8 805

Cheyenne, Oct. 9 786

Salt Lake, Utah, Oct. 10 487

San Francisco, Oct. 11 518

EASTBOUND

Left San Francisco at 1:20 p. m. October 14.

Place Miles Bat. Mt., Nev., Oct. 14 356

Sidney, Neb., Oct. 15 642

Wahoo, Neb., Oct. 16 342

Cleveland, O., Oct. 17 755

Mineola, Oct. 18 498

*Forced Landing.

Steering by compass and flying at an average speed of nearly two miles a minute, 5,200 miles across the continent and return, through snow and rain, Lieutenant B. W. Maynard landed on Roosevelt field, Mineola, N. Y., at 1:50 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, the first aviator to finish in the army's great trans-continental air race and reliability test. He carried as passengers Master Electrician W. B. Klien, of Harrisburg, Pa., whom he described as deserving the "greatest credit," and "Trixie," a German police dog.

Changed Motor in Cornfield.

Under the rules of the contest, however, time spent between control stations must be counted in the actual flying time as computed by the army in deciding the winner of the race. This means that the 18 hours Lieutenant Maynard spent changing motors in a corn field at Wahoo, Neb., where he was forced down because of a broken crankshaft, will be added to his official flying time. The unofficial total elapsed time on the return trip was 92 hours, 32 minutes and 48 seconds. Including three days spent in San Francisco the round trip was made in approximately 10 days and five hours.

Brave Boy.

Undaunted by the fact that ten lives have been lost directly and indirectly as a result of the race, Lieutenant Maynard announced within an hour after he had landed that within a few weeks he would attempt a one-stop flight from Mineola to San Diego, Cal., with Dallas, Texas, the only stopping point.

RESOLUTION BROUGHT UP IN HOUSE HOLDS SUGAR FOR AMERICA

Resolutions Call Upon Army and Navy Heads to Report on Sugar Held by Government With View to Distribution to Public.

(Washington Special.)

To prevent a sugar famine in the U. S. an embargo on the exportation of all raw and refined sugar and sugar cane is provided in a resolution introduced in the house by Representative Dallinger, Mass. Other resolutions of Dallinger call on the secretary of war and of the navy to inform congress of the surplus sugar they have on hand, with the view of devoting it to public use. The embargo proposed is for six months or as long as thereafter as the President may determine by proclamation.

DIPHTHERIA IS ALMOST AN EPIDEMIC IN THE STATE THIS YEAR

Number of Cases in September Ran Over 700, Double Last Year

Raleigh, Oct. 20.—The epidemic of diphtheria in the state this year during the month of September ran over 700 cases, or double the number the same month last year, and during the first two weeks of October, 369 cases were reported. This is more than the number reported during the whole month of October, 1918, when 233 cases were reported.

FIVE HUNDRED VACCINATED AGAINST THE SMALLPOX

Dr. J. A. Morris, county health officer, has had his hands full since the smallpox made its appearance in the county a few weeks ago.

He estimates that more than five hundred people have been vaccinated against the disease since it made its appearance here.

While not at all alarmed, Dr. Morris is devoting much of his time to prevent the spread of the disease.

Cohn & Son's Fall Opening Sale

The big home economy sale at Cohn & Son's is an event of great importance to the buying public. You will note the prices quoted in their adv. on the last page of this paper and act accordingly. When it is advertised or sold elsewhere it is always cheaper at Cohn & Son's.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE ON MAIN LINE OF THE SEABOARD RAILWAY

There Is No Change on the Oxford-Henderson Branch Line.

Effective on and after Sunday noon last a slight change of the main line trains of the Seaboard Railway was inaugurated.

Chief interest in the new arrangement centers in the fact that the shoo-fly is operated on Sundays as well as on week days. It is run on the same schedule as has prevailed for some time, arriving at Henderson, southbound at 9 a. m., and returning north will arrive at Henderson at 6:48 p. m. The train will make the same run as on week days, with a round trip between Weldon and Raleigh.

A new train has been put on. It will not carry passengers, however, and will be limited altogether to the express business, relieving Nos. 3 and 4 of much of the delay occasioned by the heavy traffic.

There is no change on the Oxford-Henderson and Henderson-Durham branch line.

TOBACCO ON THE OXFORD MARKET IS THE HIGHEST EVER KNOWN

Tobacco on the Oxford market last week, and every day was a big day, averaged \$60.00 for the entire five days. This is the highest figure ever known. On Friday the average was \$62.15 for the market.

On Monday of this week the market opened up strong. The farmers are no longer talking about "dollar" tobacco. Tobacco that don't bring \$1.25 per pound on the Oxford market is regarded as nothing extra, and one lot sold at the Johnson warehouse yesterday brought \$1.27 per pound.

The prices are still advancing, but the farmers are satisfied and are marketing the weed as fast as they can get it ready.

SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE SEABOARD ROAD VISITED OXFORD MONDAY

Made a Close Examination of the Railroad Property Here

Messrs. W. R. Vaughan and A. A. Talley, two of the lynx-eyed members of the Seaboard Safety Committee visited Oxford Monday in the interest of "Safety First."

These gentlemen made a tour of the railroad property here with wide open eyes. Doubtless they will report on the condition of the station platform here, which is particularly rotten, full of holes and very unsafe.

THERE IS NO INFLUENZA IN GRANVILLE COUNTY

On Account of the Epidemic Everything Was Closed Up Here One Year Ago.

If the flu is prevalent in Granville county, Dr. J. A. Morris, county health officer, has not been advised of it. Not a single case of the disease had been reported to him up to last Friday.

"If there are any cases of the flu in the county," said Dr. Morris, "I hope to be advised of its appearance as early as possible."

"We were closed up here one year ago," remarked Dr. Morris, "and I am thankful that the flu in its present form is not so deadly as it was last year, but the greatest of precaution must be observed."

ORGANIZING FOR THE THIRD ROLL CALL

Executive Committee Of the Granville County Chapter Will Meet Tonight.

As a preliminary for the third roll call drive for twenty million members of the American Red Cross, the executive committee of the Granville County Chapter will meet in Prof. J. F. Webb's office at the Court House tonight to organize the work in the county.

The Third Roll Call is for the purpose of seeing the last soldier clean through; to save the lives of American babies; to stop the spread of influenza; to send food to starving hospitals and nurses at home; to make the next generation healthier than ours, and to build up a safer, happier America.

THE GERMAN DOG "TRIXIE"

It Belongs to the Brother of a Young Lady At Oxford College.

When pretty little Miss Wilson, of Sampson county, who is now attending Oxford College, learned that the flying parson, W. B. Maynard, of her county, had won the trans-continental air race and landed safely at Mineola, N. Y., last week, her heart jumped with joy.

"Trixie," the German dog that accompanied Lt. Maynard, said Miss Wilson, belongs to her brother, who was a lieutenant in the A. E. F.

THE COLORED PEOPLE ARE DOING GOOD WORK

Raised \$1,011.62 Last Sunday For New Church.

The First Baptist church, colored, of Oxford, raised \$1,011.62 last Sunday for their new church. The membership anticipate with much pleasure the prospects of getting into their new church building at an early date.

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT AN EDITOR HEARS

The Families in Granville Are Growing Smaller—Now There Are Households and Households Without Children.

An old friend who has been a subscriber to the Public Ledger for thirty-four years called on the Public Ledger the other day, and while we were marking him up for another year and changing a twenty dollar bill, which necessitated us to send a boy to the bank for the change, the old gentleman remarked that back in the olden times, when he was a boy so high, nine children or more was nothing uncommon in the families of Granville county, and in nearly every family there were children.

"I venture to say," added the old gentleman, "that I can count on the fingers of my two hands all the families in Granville county at the present time that have nine or more children and there are hundred of families that have none at all."

"How do you account for the decrease in the birth rate," we inquired.

"My theory," said the old gentleman, "is that we are living in a fast age and don't want to be bothered with a lot of children."

Drawing his chair up a little closer, he whispered:

"It is a well known fact that while the white families of the county are decreasing in size the negroes are increasing at a wonderful rate, and in a proportionate number of years they will outnumber the whites two to one and then, mark what I tell you, there will be H—ll to pay."

THE GREATEST MAN THE STATE EVER PRODUCED

And the Hottest Day in the State Was August 1, 1881.

In his interesting letter, published in the Orphans' Friend, Col. Fred Olds says:

"The people of Kinston and of the fine county of Lenoir set great store by the memory of Richard Caswell, who has been declared by a great authority to have been the most notable man North Carolina ever produced. Caswell was many-sided and could be anything, from governor of North Carolina all the way along down to member of a village council.

"A remarkable thing about Caswell is that in no case did his own town and county people knock him. It is true that one man tried to blacken his character, alleging that he was a hog thief, but the base fellow who made the charge had to make a run for it to save his own bacon. In other words Caswell was citizen, patriot, soldier, law-maker, governor and gentleman. It was Nathaniel Macon, himself of great note in this commonwealth and elsewhere who paid Caswell the compliment set out in the opening paragraph of this story.

"The first memorial erected to the memory of Caswell was a monument in Kinston, at the intersection of King and Caswell streets, on the first day of August, 1881. That day goes down into history as the hottest ever known in North Carolina. The temperature was over 90 degrees a little after 8 o'clock in the morning and kept on climbing. At least 10,000 people were present and over 150 were sun-struck, three of them dying."

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS

(Special To The Public Ledger.)

Raleigh, October 20.—The Annual Convention of North Carolina Baptists will be held in Raleigh beginning November 11. The change of place was the direct result of a wide spread opinion that because of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, the Convention should be held in a central point. The convention will be held on the "pay plan"—all messengers paying their own expenses. Arrangements are being made to care for several thousand visitors.

OXFORD IS THE BEST TOWN IN THE STATE

That Is What Col. Osborn Says About His Old Home Town.

Col. W. H. Osborn, of Greensboro, was in Oxford last Friday and got away before most of his friends got a chance to see him. He is looking fine after riding to and from his Guilford farm all summer. He likes to call himself a farmer, but he is an agriculturist.

Col. Osborn has a profound love for his old home town and the people of Granville. Standing on the corner and gazing up and down the streets, he remarked that Oxford is the busiest, the people better dressed and more highly cultured than any town in the State.

Oxford has a soothing effect on Col. Osborn. When he comes to his old native town he leaves all care behind and sleeps well, just like he did when tucked away under the parental roof by a fond mother.

URGE RETURN OF ROADS BEFORE COMING NEW YEAR

National Association of Railway and Utility Commissioners Oppose Federal Ownership.

Return of the railroads to private ownership not later than December 31, 1919, is urged in a resolution adopted by the National Association of Railway and Utilities commissioners at the closing session of its annual convention at Indianapolis last Friday.